



Third and Five...

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Cable vision

After being named interim head coach after Lane Kiffin's firing on Tuesday, 43 year -old Tom Cable inherits an Oakland Raiders team that has slightly improved, but greatly struggled over the last six seasons, after the Super Bowl collapse to Tampa Bay in 2002.

"As we know this is a business," Cable said at the press conference Tuesday.

Cable knows that in order to succeed, he has to get his team to look forward.

"Now it's time to move forward," he said.

Cable joined the Raiders as the offensive line coach in 2007 and coached an offensive line that finished sixth in the NFL in rushing and in red zone touchdowns.

The Merced native began his coaching career at the University of Idaho, as a graduate assistant in 1987 and 1988. He earned his first coaching job as the defensive line coach at San Diego State in 1989 and then as the offensive line coach in 1990.

However, this time around, the job will be more difficult than those he has had in the past.

He goes from taking charge of about 12 guys to 52, including a coaching staff of about 10 other coaches.

He also has to repair the relationship between the coaching staff and front office that was damaged by the Kiffin regime. Kiffin and Davis almost never talked, so Cable would be wise to let "Al be Al" and not challenge anything he does.

Second of all, he'll need his offense to continue their improvement. Cable's big selling point is that he coached an offensive line that went from weak to potentially dominant.

However, at the same time, Cable must make sure that his offensive line does not regress under new offensive line coach James Cregg.

He must also support his defensive staff, players and coaches alike. Kiffin wanted defensive coordinator Rob Ryan gone last season, yet Davis rejected that idea and Ryan stayed this season.

Cable also caught a break when offensive coordinator Greg Knapp rejected an offer to be the head coach, which favors Cable because he won't have to look over his shoulder and wonder if he'll get replaced with Knapp toward the end of the season if things continue downward.

Oakland played hard for Kiffin toward the end and we'll see if they'll do the same for Cable.

The Raiders are a combined 20-64 since the 2002 Super Bowl.



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The Women's soccer team continue their drive toward a winning season in 2008 after going 1-1 on their recent two-game road trip.

Road warriors: Women's soccer play hard on road trip

By **ANKITA CHHABRA**
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The Ohlone Women's soccer team suffered a minor setback last Friday, losing to West Valley College 1-0.

"We played fairly well, and had some good opportunities (against West Valley)," said Renegades head coach Larry Heslin who was content with the girl's performance on the field.

The game's lone goal came in the second half as West Valley's Kristine Higgins scored in the second half off a cross pass from teammates Whitney Katsanes and Molly Lopez to put the Vikings

up 1-0 against goalkeeper Shelby Tomasello, who played the whole game and accounted for three saves but allowed the crucial game-changing goal.

"They came out tough and we tried our best," said forward Fanny Koloko-Green.

However the disappointment over the West Valley loss would not last too long as the Lady Renegades came back strong on Tuesday and pulled off a victory against the struggling Hartnell College 3-2.

Though Hartnell has struggled though the season, only pulling a 2-6-2 record going into Tuesday's game, it would be Ohlone that struggled in the first half.

The Lady Renegades would regroup and come back strong and mistake-free in the second half.

Ohlone's Laura Gorecki led off the scoring with the second goal coming from Koloko-Green, who leads the team with six goals on the season.

Danielle Anderson took over the goalkeeping duties against Hartnell, allowing two goals, however, also having two clutch saves to preserve an Ohlone victory.

Yet, in the end, it was Jasmine Floyd's goal that won it for Ohlone.

They will host their cross-town rival Chabot College Friday at 1:30 p.m.

Good, but not good enough: Men's soccer still winless

By **ANKITA CHHABRA**
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The Ohlone Men's Soccer team still remains winless on the season.

Yet, the Renegades showed signs of improvement in their last two losses against West Valley last Friday, and against City College of San Francisco on Tuesday.

Ohlone lost to West Valley 2-1 last Friday, as they missed captain Sean Powers and left back Sammy Haidari to injury.

The Vikings scored both goals in the first half off a penalty kick by Josh Johnson and the second from

Kenny Kim.

However, it was the Renegades who starred and showed significant improvement.

Their lone goal came in the 57th minute when Patrick Lee redirected a corner kick for his team high second goal of the season.

"Score is not always a good indication of how a team plays," said first year coach Don Williams.

"The first half we came out intimidated because we were facing the top team in the conference"

The improvement continued for Ohlone in their 4-0 loss on Tuesday at undefeated CCSF.

Against the defending confer-

ence champion CCSF Rams, the Renegades stayed toe-to-toe, nearly matching the Rams in shots (CCSF's 10 to Ohlone's 9), including Patrick Lee's team high five shots for the Renegades.

"I know what I see out there," said coach Don Williams. "We are playing with guts and not backing down to anyone... a win is just around the corner."

The Renegades return home tomorrow, in search of their first win on the season as they take on Foothill College at 4 p.m.

"Now we are proving we can play with the very best," said Renegades co-captain Sean Powers.



Triples Alley

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A good year

At least, we're not the Tigers. Yeah, the Detroit Tigers who had no ceiling to how good they could have been this year.

Adding Miguel Cabrera to an already great offensive lineup in the offseason had the Tigers destined to roll through the regular season, yet they ended with a record of 74-88.

So I'll say it again. At least we're not the Tigers.

The San Francisco Giants, however, had a good season.

Their record of 72-90 would tell you otherwise, but if you happened to watch closely, especially after the trade deadline, you would have seen that they have a handful of good, exciting talent.

Welcome Palo Sandoval!

He comes up and bats .400 in the first month that he's up in the bigs. For 41 games he ended up playing for the Giants, he accumulated a .345 average, 24 RBI's and a .847 OPS.

Sandoval was one of the bigger (pun intended) surprises for the Giants late in the year when everyone wanted to see them lessen the playing time for the veterans and give the younger kids a chance to showcase their talents and extend their spring training essentially.

Another two names that jumped out to most Giants fans were Sergio Romo (no relation to Tony) and the hard throwing, but sometimes erratic, Alex Hinshaw.

Romo quietly recorded 33 strikeouts in 34 total innings pitched.

As for Hinshaw, although he struggled a bit, he came up huge in key spots when the Giants needed to get a tough hitter out late in the game.

Hopefully Bochy can use both Hinshaw and Romo in the as the 7th and 8th to bridge the lead to closer Brian Wilson.

Now, how about that Mr. Wilson.

(No, not "that" Mr. Wilson)

All anyone really knew about Wilson was that he threw hard. When he became the closer, he made things exciting at times, he got the job done more often than not. Furthermore, he adds that "fun to watch" tag with his 100 mph heat and his Nen-like slider that precipitously drops below the strike zone.

So maybe the Giants didn't finish above .500, maybe they didn't score many runs or hit many home runs that San Francisco has been used to in the franchise's 50 years, but they did bring something that Bonds and the A's can't provide... exciting, young, talent.

Notice I didn't mention the starting rotation. Doh!

Upcoming home games

MEN'S SOCCER

FRI. OCT. 3: VS. FOOTHILL COLLEGE, 4 P.M.

FRI. OCT 10: VS. CAÑADA COLLEGE, 4 P.M.

FRI. OCT 17: VS. DEANZA COLLEGE, 4 P.M.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

FRI. OCT. 3: VS. CHABOT COLLEGE, 1:30 P.M.

FRI. OCT. 10: VS. CCSF, 1:30 PM

TUES. OCT. 14: VS. EVERGREEN VALLEY, 4 P.M.